



PHOTO COURTESY THE GREENBELT POLICE

The Greenbelt Police and the Platinum Rollers provide Thanksgiving meals for local families. See more photos on page 9.

## New Deal, DC Vegan Split Creates Temporary Closure

by Gary Childs

After less than two and a half years, the New Deal Café and its food provider, DC Vegan (DCV), are parting ways. The two entities were not able to reach agreement on several issues concerning food service at the Café. According to a notice from the Café board of directors, as of the first of December, the Café will be temporarily closed as the board chooses a new vendor to provide food services. The New Deal Café is celebrating 25 years of existence this year.

Starting in July 2018, DCV, owned and operated by Leah Curran Moon and Michael Jantz

Moon, provided a menu of completely plant-based Italian-American cuisine. Reviews of the new menu were positive and meal service at the New Deal was brisk.

This year, restrictions related to the pandemic posed difficulties and challenges for small businesses and restaurants across Greenbelt. The New Deal Café also had to close, then partially reopen with outdoor-only service. Responding to some of the difficulties faced by many Greenbelt residents because of loss of jobs and loss or

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## City, Developer Discuss Details Of Beltway Plaza Redevelopment

by Matthew Arbach

The proposed redevelopment of Beltway Plaza has entered into the Detailed Site Plan (DSP) stage. This stage is focused on the project's Phase One, which concerns the northern portion of the site, currently the rear parking lot that borders Breezewood Drive. Representatives of the redevelopment team met with the Greenbelt City Council on Monday, November 16 for a workses-

sion to discuss the plan, still in its early phase, as it awaits approval from the County Planning Board and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. City planning staff were on hand, presenting an initial report to council on their concerns, in prelude to a full report to be issued after the county's approval of the DSP.

Community Planner Molly

Porter laid out the particulars of the DSP. It includes 750 multi-family units, spread over three buildings, dubbed 1A, 1B and 1C (317, 283 and 150 units, with only one- and two-bedroom apartments being planned); a 92-room hotel; a 27,000 sq. ft. indoor recreation center (to be operated by the city); frontage

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## Community Center Gymnasium Window Project Is Completed

by Mya Zepp



PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

The bas-reliefs on the Greenbelt Community Center are set to be repaired and cleaned but there were a few stumbling blocks before that could be started.

The Community Center gymnasium windows have been renovated for several weeks now, and the recent uncovering of the bas-relief sculptures symbolizes completion of the windows project.

Early this year, the city received a grant of \$29,500 from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA). Public Works and the Planning and Community Development Department

allocated the funds to revitalizing the bas-relief sculptures, which visualize phrases from the preamble to the U.S. Constitution, as well as the nearby marble garden statue and the Mother and Child statue at Roosevelt Center.

When the revitalization of the sculptures was due to begin, those in charge of the project realized that the Community Cen-

ter gymnasium's rusted windows were what was causing the bas-relief sculptures to get dirty.

"The window frames were rusting out, which caused rust and black to drip down onto the sculptures, so we decided to fix the frames first. We thought it would be simple, but then it

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PHOTO BY JEFF WARNER

600 bags of non-perishable food items were prepared as a part of a Thanksgiving meal distribution conducted by MCF Church. See story on page 6.

### What Goes On

Thursday, November 26  
Thanksgiving. City offices closed.

Monday, November 30  
8 p.m. City Council Worksession: County Executive Angela Alsobrooks

Wednesday, December 2  
8 p.m. Council Worksession: Beltway Plaza Phase 1 Detailed Site Plan

All council meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at [greenbeltnmd.gov](http://greenbeltnmd.gov) for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

### Holiday Reminiscences:

## How Buddy Helped Greenbelt Residents Save Thanksgiving

by James Giese

*Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com).*

In the early 1960s, Greenbelt was still very small townish. People knew each other from shopping at the Co-op, going to PTA and city meetings and playing in sports leagues. Everyone also knew Public Works Superintendent Albert "Buddy" Attick, who roamed about town at that time in his Jeep, checking on work crews and searching out maintenance needs and yakking

with the citizens.

These two stories may not be told exactly as they happened due to the retelling and passage of time but are basically true.

A resident bought a turkey for Thanksgiving. She didn't have room for it in her refrigerator, so she put it in her outside trash closet of her GHI home to keep it cool. She set it on the garbage can. Oh, oh! The city refuse collection crew came along and took all her garbage, including

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# Letters to the Editor

## City Employees Go the Extra Mile

This past Sunday morning, a Good Samaritan brought a homeless woman and her little dog to St. Hugh’s Church to get help. I contacted the Greenbelt Police who have assisted our church in the past with getting resources for those in need of shelter.

Two police officers came and spent a good deal of time listening to the elderly woman, Diane, and trying patiently to see how they could help her and her dog. In the meantime, the weekend driver of the Greenbelt Connector Bus brought Diane shoes (she was only wearing socks) and something hot to eat. The officers went back to the office and spent several hours trying to find shelters that would take both Diane and her dog. The officers returned to the church and worked out a plan with Diane to get her and her dog to a safe and warm place.

Thank you to these wonderful city employees that demonstrate the Greenbelt spirit of caring every day.

Mary Ann Tretler

## Try the GAFC

As the pandemic grinds on with little change in sight, exercising at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center (GAFC) has become my bright spot and respite. As someone who spends anywhere between six to 10 hours each day online and often in Zoom meetings, the ability to exercise a few days a week has become one of the joys I find in our trying times.

The staff is friendly and welcoming and the coronavirus protocols are simple yet impeccable. The exercise rooms are clean and coronavirus safety is maintained with strict rules. Thank you GAFC staff for providing a little bit of sunshine in my pandemic life.

Joanie Cohen

## Thanks for Builders

I just wanted to write in and thank James Giese and the News Review for the splendid article about completing the lake trail. The ingenuity, cooperation and community spirit involved ex-

emplifies the best of Greenbelt. All of us who have made the circuit – and I have done so more times than I could possibly count – owe those responsible a great debt.

Kevin W. Parker

## Swan Lake Redux


Graeme Simpson’s story about a trumpeter swan in the November 19 issue reminded me of the time 50 or so years ago when a swan took up residency on the lake for several years. Always alone, it was a beautiful bird.

The problem was that there was a city ordinance prohibiting swans on the lake. The city staff’s problem was it couldn’t figure out how to enforce the ordinance. How do you arrest a swan? The police had no training in this, and we didn’t have a police patrol boat. And it wasn’t a capital offense. (That law may since have been written off the books in recodification of city ordinances.)

Just as the swan appeared one day, it disappeared another.

Jim Giese

Service or Garden Side?



Do you have a recovery program for pandemic baking?

B. Glee



The lake trail during the spectacular fall of 2013 - Photos by Kevin Parker



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the bagged turkey.

When the woman realized her loss, she frantically called Buddy. He came and picked her up in his jeep. Then he found the garbage truck and ordered it to go to the landfill. The lady and Buddy followed.

At that time the city operated its own landfill at the east end of Northway. The garbage truck’s contents were spread out as it was emptied. There among everything else was the turkey in its bag. Reclaiming it, the woman took it home, gave it a good wash down and Thanksgiving dinner was saved.

At another time, a man returned from the liquor store with a bag of booze. At that time, liquor was much cheaper in the District of Columbia than in Maryland and it was common for Maryland residents to stock up for the holidays at one of the big D.C. liquor stores and smuggle it home. It was illegal to bring booze into Maryland. Still is, I believe.

When this man reached home, he had an urgent need to go to the bathroom. He set his bag of liquor down to unlock the door and then made a mad dash to his GHI house bathroom upstairs right above the entrance, leaving his liquor where he placed it. You guessed it. He left it on his garbage can.

As he sat on the toilet, he heard the trash truck enter the court, but he was unable to leave his position. He heard the col-

lector come to his house and pick up his trash, helpless to do anything about it.

When finally able, he ran out of the house. Sure enough, the liquor was gone with the trash. He dashed out of the court into the street looking for the truck. Just then Buddy drove by in his Jeep. The man hailed him and Buddy had him jump on board and they went in search of the truck. Finding it at the next court, Buddy had the crew open the back. With a little rummaging, the bag of liquor was found, smelling of booze. One bottle had been broken, but the rest were intact.

Buddy took the man home, happy to have retrieved most of his planned holiday joy.




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Office is currently closed to the public. Please phone or email.

GNR external office door mail slot is located up a few stairs 25 yards left of the Community Center’s east door near the municipal building.



# Community Events

## Scouting for Food Collection Changes

Cub Scout Pack 202, Greenbelt's oldest operating scout pack, is again participating in Scouting for Food. The coronavirus pandemic has caused some changes. In the past, the pack would walk around Greenbelt to pick up donations. This year, in an effort to keep scouts and community friends safe, there will be drop-off points. The scouts will be decorating and posting signs in their yards that read (in part) Pack 202 Cub Scout Scouting for Food Drop Off Point. Canned and non-perishable items in boxes or bags can be dropped off from November 30 until December 4. On December 5, residents may drop off donations at Greenbelt Community Church (1 Hillside Road) parking lot from 10 a.m. to noon where the scouts will be sorting and packing the goods for local food pantries. For information (including the closest drop off point), contact marcavitch@gmail.com.

Additionally, for local families interested in getting involved in scouting, Pack 202 is always looking for scouts in the equivalent grades of kindergarten to fourth grade. Most programs are currently virtual but with great fellowship and hope to have outdoor programs in the spring.



Pack 202 and family show off their collected food from the 2019 Scouting for Food program.



## Art & Embroidery

Greenbelt Recreation instructor Leah Cohen will lead new embroidery workshops on Zoom for ages 12 and up. On Thursdays, December 3 and 10, use scrappy wool to create mittens with an embroidered floral motif. On Monday, December 7, create a ring-necked pheasant ornament. You can participate individually, or as a family. Patterns and materials are provided. Advance registration is required and fees apply. For more information, write to alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov.



## Connect Virtually Across Greenbelt

Connecting Across Greenbelt is a group of residents who gather virtually to build relationships across neighborhoods and to understand current challenges for all Greenbelters. To research ways to cope in these difficult times, the group has built a Caring and Connecting Toolkit in association with leading mental health and community health leaders. Further information is available in this issue. The group invites all members of the community and their families to access clinically proven guided meditation techniques at bit.ly/guidemed.

To find out about the group's monthly meetings (December's topic is Holiday Traditions), Connecting Across Greenbelt: Community Conversations, email communityconnections@gb@gmail.com.

## Arts Advisory Board December Meeting

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board is tentatively scheduled to meet on Tuesday, December 1 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. For agenda information and a meeting link, write to ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov or call 301-474-8000.

## Annual Juried Art and Craft Fair Opens

The Greenbelt Recreation ARTS Program is sponsoring an extended online edition of the city's annual Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair. This event will run from Friday, November 27 to Sunday, December 20. Guests can shop safely online with 54 regional fine artists, artisans and authors. Wares available for purchase include wall art, housewares, clothing, accessories, books, seasonings, soaps and more. Shoppers can also purchase tickets for online events through the Greenbelt Arts Center and merchandise supporting the Greenbelt Museum and Greenbelt Nursery School. To access the fair, guests should visit the Greenbelt Virtual Recreation Center at greenbeltmd.gov/recreation starting on Friday, November 27. For additional information, contact Anne Gardner, agardner@greenbeltmd.gov.



PHOTOS BY CAROL-LYNN SWOL

Carol-Lynn Swol creates modern jewelry inspired by the power of natural forms. She works in recycled precious metals, and also renders complex designs in laser-cut Tyvek and crisp forms in 3D-printed plastic. Her range is both aesthetic and democratic, making elegant design available at a variety of price points. She writes, "Sometimes all it takes is that one piece of jewelry to remind you of fleeting moments and the feeling of knowing yourself, your world, and finding the way you fit into everything."

## GREA's Next Meeting

The Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREA) monthly meeting is on Tuesday, December 1, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. through Zoom. The meeting agenda will include discussing action items for 2021. For a link to the meeting, go to the GREA website greenbeltraciaequity.org/event/grea-december-meeting.

## Overeaters Meet

Overeaters Anonymous is continuing to hold its newcomer introductory meeting by Zoom at 6:45 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month and its regular Greenbelt meeting by Zoom or phone at 7:30 p.m. every Monday. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program modelled after Alcoholics Anonymous that provides help and recovery for those troubled by overeating, undereating or other food-related behaviors. For more information, call 240-305-3433 or visit its D.C. region website at oa-dcmetro.org.

## Virtual Recreation

Greenbelt Recreation's winter classes and special events are online via the Virtual Recreation Center. Go to greenbeltmd.gov/recreation to access a wide range of online activities, including classes, video tutorials, sing-alongs and more. Art activities can be accessed in the Visual Arts section of the Virtual Recreation Center.

## Toastmasters Meet Online Wednesdays

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club has gone virtual. Those interested in improving communication or leadership skills are invited to join online or by phone every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Find details for joining remotely at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.

## Support BLM Legislation

The public is invited to participate in demonstrations held every day at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. The purpose of the demonstrations is to make people aware of local legislation relevant to Black Lives Matter issues.

For example, the group of demonstrators encourages passersby to express support for Anton's Law, a bill before the Maryland House that would establish a statewide standard for law enforcement and use of force, as well as setting standards for transparency in policing.

The demonstrations take place Mondays through Saturdays from 5 to 6 p.m. and on Sundays from 10 to 11 a.m.

## Free Student Meals At Greenbelt Schools

Meal pickup and delivery will be free for all Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students through Thursday, December 31. All schools in Greenbelt serve as meal distribution sites. Students picking up meals do not need identification. Parents and guardians should bring a student ID or most recent report card. It is possible to collect for others by bringing the appropriate student ID numbers.

Multi-day meals are available for pickup Mondays and Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Visit the PGCPS website, pgcps.org, for more information and a list of delivery locations.



## Candlelight Vigil

A weekly candlelight vigil is held on the second and fourth Saturday of every month from 7 to 8 p.m. at the intersection of Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Lane, near the Shell station. The purpose of these vigils is to provide community members an opportunity to gather with candles and signs and to engage in dialogue to better understand one another and to understand issues of policing as well as sources of racism. All are welcome to join and candles are optional.

## Wrapping Paper Workshop

A free Artful Afternoon at-home workshop will launch online on Sunday, December 6. Artist-in-Residence Racquel Keller will show participants of all ages how to use ordinary materials and objects to create beautiful, printed wrapping paper for any occasion. Participants can sign up at greenbeltmd.gov/recreation to receive a materials list and a link to the instructional video. This program is sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation ARTS program as part of the city's Festival of Lights.



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| Friday November 27 - Thursday December 3  |  |  |
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| 8 am  | Democracy Now!                               | • Repeat of Yesterday's Program  |
| 9 am  | GATe Classic Film ★<br>Musical/Comedy • 1949 | • The Inspector General • Danny Kaye<br>• Directed by Henry Koster   |
| 11 am   | Greenbelt Newsreel                           | • or Selections From the GATe Archive  |
| SAT/SUN   | Member Spotlight                             | • GATe Community Producers   |
| 12 pm   | Democracy Now!                               | • Today's Program • Independent News   |
| 1 pm  | Science Bowl PGCPS                           | • Montpelier v Mount Rainier • Beacon Heights v Judy Hoyer   |
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# Obituaries

## Elizabeth Brady



Elizabeth "Betty" Brady

Elizabeth “Betty” Frances Blank Brady, age 76, died on November 18, 2020, at home in Greenbelt after a long battle with cancer.

She was born December 7, 1943, in Fort Bragg, N.C., to Marie Lindauer Blank and Robert Anton Blank. She spent her childhood in Tennessee and Chicago before the family finally settled in the Denver area where she spent most of her adult life. She graduated from Aurora High School and then completed a bachelor’s degree in nursing at the University of Colorado.

She was a passionate and dedicated nurse who was loved by both patients and families. She felt nursing was about taking care of the families as well as the patients. She always made sure to make families feel included in the patients’ care. Her career spanned 30 years and touched and changed many lives.

Once she retired, she became an avid quilter. She loved making baby quilts and donated many to charity. She wanted all of her quilts to be nice enough to be cherished and handed down. She also loved baking, gardening and playing her piano.

Her husband of 52 years, James Clyde Brady, died in 2018 and she moved to Greenbelt to be closer to one of her grandchildren. She became an active member of Greenbelt Community Church and participated in the weekly Bible study whenever she was able.

She is survived by her two daughters, Melinda and Cindy, her two sons-in-law, John Paul and Doug, and her three beloved grandchildren, Rebecca, Ryan and Abby. She is also survived by two siblings, a brother, James Blank, and a sister, Barbara Kilgallon.

The family plans to celebrate her life in 2021 when her loved ones can safely gather and remember her together. Donations in her memory can be made to the Capital Area Food Bank ([capitalareafoodbank.org](http://capitalareafoodbank.org)).

## Ann Donnellan



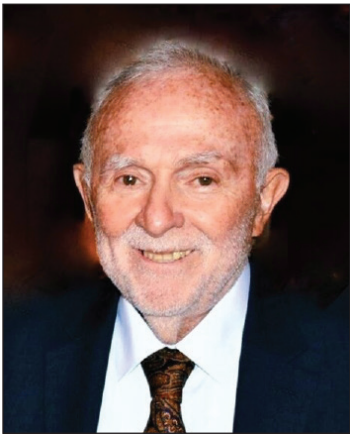
Ann Donnellan

Greenbelt resident Thelma Annette (Ann) Donnellan died on November 14, 2020, at age 75. She was born in Los Angeles, Calif., to Raymond James and Maude (Dragoo) Donnellan on February 3, 1945. She graduated from James Monroe High School in Sepulveda, Calif., in 1963. Ann loved the West Coast but decided to move east in the early 1970s to, as she said, “grow up.” She was a typesetter at a newspaper in Woodbury, N.J., then relocated to Maryland in 1976, where she lived the rest of her life. She worked at Council Press, Robey Graphics, and T.A.R.P. before retiring from the University of Maryland in 2016 as an administrative assistant in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. For many years she also worked part-time at Paint Branch Golf Complex and was a dedicated volunteer with First Tee.

Ann had an exuberant person-

ality and liked to meet people and try new things. She was an enthusiastic cook, an avid golfer, a tenacious jigsaw puzzler and a daunting pool player. She enjoyed music and dancing and took lessons in guitar and old-time banjo. She loved celebrations and she joyfully participated in all Painter family holidays. Her big heart and cheerful spirit fostered lasting connections with neighbors, co-workers and members of a welcoming online community. Ann is survived by her life partner Elizabeth Painter, brothers-in-law William Painter (Kathy) and James Painter, nieces Kierstan Schwab (Carlton) and Emily McFarlane (Josh) and grandnieces Karina, Violet, Iris and Rose. Interment will be private. A celebration of life may be held at a later date in 2021. Memorial donations in Ann’s name may be made to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration ([theaftd.org](http://theaftd.org)).

## Leonard Moriarty



Leonard Moriarty

Leonard John Moriarty, age 85, a longtime resident of Greenbelt who recently resided in McLean, Va., died at Fairfax

Hospital on November 18, 2020, after complications from a fall. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on November 28, 1934, to James and Honora Moriarty, Len was the quintessential New Yorker.

Len graduated from Gannon University in Erie, Pa., in 1956 after attending with a basketball scholarship. He remained close with his fraternity brothers, classmates and their Erie families. Len later earned master’s degrees in mathematics and physics from the University of Maryland and the American University. After college, Len joined the Officer’s Training School with the U.S. Army. He was stationed in Korea for six months after the war where he worked in intelligence. He received an Honorable Discharge in April, 1964.

In 1963, he married Ann Kerfoot Lawless, originally from Dublin, Ireland, and widow of Pat Lawless, and adopted her children, Colleen and Michael. Len had a close relationship with Ann’s late husband’s family and will be missed by the Lawless and Theis families.

The Moriarty family spent over 50 years living in Greenbelt, where Len worked as a mathematician at Goddard Space Flight Center for more than 30

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Our condolences to the family and friends of quilter Betty Brady who succumbed to cancer last week. We know she will be especially missed by the members of the Community Church.

Condolences also to the family and friends of Ann Donnellan who died on November 14 and to the friends and family of Len Moriarty who died on November 18.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).



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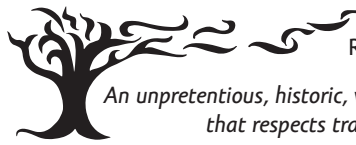
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**At the Library**  
Curbside service hours are now Tuesday to Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. By appointment only, place requests for up to 50 items in advance.

All Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) branches will be closed on Thursday, November 26. The Greenbelt Library will resume curbside service on Friday, November 27, at 1 p.m.

**Biblio Consulta**  
This is the Library’s new Spanish language call center, which is available by calling 240-455-5451 (press option 2) Tuesday to Friday (1 to 6 p.m.) and Saturday (1 to 5 p.m.).

**Book Bundles**  
Customers may request age-specific/themed books or request follow-up from staff to receive reading recommendations.

**3D Printing**  
The Library’s 3D printing program is available for customer print jobs that are available for pickup through curbside service. For more information visit [pgcmls.info/3d-printing](http://pgcmls.info/3d-printing).

**Mobile HotSpots**  
Families can borrow mobile hotspot devices for up to nine weeks at a time. Adults ages 18 and older with library cards in good standing may request a SmartSpot through the curbside booking form. One device per household may be borrowed. No LINK or student accounts will be allowed.

**Giving Tuesday**  
On December 1 (or any other day), the library asks people to show love for their library by making a gift to the PGCMLS Foundation or by purchasing an I Love My Library T-shirt. All donations and T-shirt proceeds go to support the 19 branch libraries. Every dollar stays in Prince George’s County to purchase program supplies, host virtual programs and buy books and ebooks.

**Read Woke Challenge**  
The Library is participating in the Read Woke Challenge, a national initiative to encourage reading, personal growth and racial and social equity. Readers of all ages are encouraged to read or listen to at least five books by December 15 that explore diversity, inclusion, equity, anti-racism and the many perspectives of the human experience. Readers can register on Beanstack to participate. All who log five titles through December 15 will be entered to win a \$50 Amazon gift card raffle.

**Book Returns**  
Books must be returned at the external book drop at the library. Per the latest CDC guidelines, all returned materials need to be in quarantine for three days before being checked in and processed. Although PGCMLS adopted a fine-free policy effective July 1, the cost of items that remain overdue for more than 30 days may be charged to a customer’s account as lost items until the items are returned.

**Play “I Spy…”**  
Although PGCMLS library buildings may be closed to the public on the inside, the Greenbelt Library welcomes families to stop by the upper-level entrance to view the “I Spy…” discovery station. Library staff have created a display of various items to be viewed through the glass.





# City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

**VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 4**

Monday, November 30 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/County Executive Angela Alsobrooks** *Virtual meeting will be shown live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996 and streaming on [www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/municipaltv)*

Wednesday, December 2 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD, Virtual Meeting.** *On the Agenda: Phase 1 Beltway Plaza Detailed Site Plan*

Wednesday, December 2 at 7:30pm, **CLOSED SESSION** (See notice below)

Thursday, December 3 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD, Virtual Meeting.** *Maglev update, Garden Club boundaries in preparation for Jan. 4 Work Session with City Council, Draft trail problem log (Catherine Plaisant), and Trails Master Plan: Section III*

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov).*

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at 7:30 pm to: 1) discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; 2) to consult with legal counsel regarding outstanding legal matters.

The purpose of this meeting will be the following:

1. City Manager briefing on pending personnel and legal issues.
2. City Manager evaluation

\*The public may attend the Work Session of the City Council immediately prior to the closed session and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session.

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk



## SHOP SMALL SATURDAY

**Saturday, November 27**

Support Greenbelt’s local businesses. Shop small bags will be available at Greenbelt COOP. Look for Shop Small stickers at our local businesses. Shop Small in Greenbelt through the holiday season. Take selfies at our businesses and hashtag them with #shopsmallgreenbelt. We will be on the lookout for the posts and will be giving out Shop Small Greenbelt Face Masks and Hand Sanitizers.


Visit the [@cityofgreenbelt](https://www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt) on Facebook for Shop Small postings.

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on:

- Arts Advisory Board
- Employee Relations Board
- Board of Elections
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

**For more information call 301- 474-8000**



Greenbelt Recreation  
[www.greenbeltnmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/recreation)  
301-397-2200

**Winter Activity Guide Now Available Online!**

Registration begins on Monday, November 23 for Greenbelt Residents. Classes begin the week of January 4, 2021

Check out our Winter 2021 Activity Guide for more details!

Explore our Activity Guide for lots of options for all ages and interests. We offer seasonal special events and varied recreation facilities and classes to provide opportunities for community celebrations, a chance to learn something new or improve your skills in an activity you enjoy, all while socializing and staying active!

Please visit our Virtual Recreation Center online or give us a call for more information.



## SEEKING LIFEGUARDS AND POOL MANAGERS!

The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center is now hiring lifeguards!

Apply now at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov/jobs](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/jobs)

**For city information, meetings, events, services and more visit [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov)**

**FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

The City of Greenbelt looks forward to celebrating the winter holidays with you. Programs will be tailored to the prevailing conditions. Please visit the Greenbelt Virtual Recreation Center for event information as it is announced. Also, mark your calendar for these upcoming programs:



## GREENBELT FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS JURIED ART AND CRAFT FAIR

ONLINE: [GREENBELTMD.GOV/RECREATION](http://GREENBELTMD.GOV/RECREATION)

**BLACK FRIDAY (NOV. 27) - DECEMBER 20**

**57 LOCAL ARTISANS, AUTHORS AND NON-PROFITS**

Mosaic by Celeste Kelly

## NORTH POLE CALLING

**Chat with Santa about the holidays!**

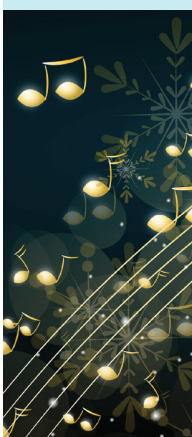
**Tuesday, December 15-Thursday, December 17**

**5:30pm - 8:30pm**

**Ages pre-school through second grade – FREE**



Santa and his helpers will make a special call to your home to check whether your kids are being naughty or nice. Complete the informational flyer available online on our Greenbelt Virtual Recreation Center for your child’s opportunity to chat.



## LIGHT UP THE NIGHT WITH HOPE

**A Celebration of Music and Caring**

ONLINE: December 12 – January 10

Greenbelt will celebrate the holiday season with a musical program, featuring our talented local ensembles and soloists. The program will be infused with messages of hope and caring, highlighting Greenbelt’s response to those in need during the pandemic.



## GOBBLE WOBBLE

**VIRTUAL FAMILY FUN RUN & WALK**

**Pre-registration is required**  
Registration available through December 1st

**Fee: \$15/individual**  
**\$50/Family 4-pack**

Visit [www.greenbeltnmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/recreation) or call 301-397-2200 to register

You decide when to run, walk, or wobble! Make sure to share your photos with us #GreenbeltGobbleWobble2020 and #GreenbeltRecreation or by emailing [aphelan@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:aphelan@greenbeltnmd.gov)

All registrants will receive a Gobble Wobble shirt and medal. Pickup details will be shared with registrants once available

**GREENBELT RECREATION**

**EMERGENCY DIAPER PICK-UP**

Need help with diapers? In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, The Greenbelt Nursery Project is supporting needy Prince George’s county families by distributing diapers on Thursday, December 17th, 2020.

Parents are required to bring state-issued photo ID, each child’s birth certificate, proof of Prince George’s residency (mail from a federal, state, or local government agency which display their name and Prince George’s county residential address) - if it is their first time attending the event. No walk-ups accepted. Please register online at <https://forms.gle/ocb2V1ZuV3LrYGq26>. Registration required. Time and location given upon submitted registration.



# Local Thanksgiving Dinner Distribution a Great Success

by Gary Childs



PHOTO BY JUSTIN AYRES

Volunteers help load food into cars.

Greenbelt recently witnessed what could be called Thanksgiving math. The equation started with a grant of \$10,000 spent on food and supplies, with approximately 60 volunteers added. That was then divided by 293 families needing a little economic boost during the pandemic. The sum of it all was a lot of people giving and receiving a lot of food and love and the knowledge that something special and memorable was taking place.

On Saturday, November 21, MCF Church in Greenbelt, collaborating with a group called TLC (Truth, Love & Character), a student club at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), distributed 600 bags, a veritable tsunami of food, of Thanksgiving Day fare to 300 families. The church and club handled over four tons of food at the event, putting bags and boxes into the trunks and back seats of cars lined up multiple lengths of the ERHS senior parking lot.

The group of volunteers, all properly masked and practicing appropriate social distancing, ranged in age from early teens to seniors. The church and club provided boxes and bags of food that included a 16-pound turkey,

two boxes of stuffing, two boxes of corn bread, a 32-ounce can of yams, a 32-ounce can of vegetables, a box of mashed potatoes, gravy, cake mix, icing, and cranberry sauce for each family. Of the more than 60 volunteers who participated in the event, about 20 were ERHS students, 15 were college students, and the rest were others from MCF Church and volunteers from the Greenbelt community.

Preparation of the 300 meals (600 bags, 2 per family) took nearly 24 hours, and the actual distribution on the day of the event, both prep and actually handing out the food, took seven hours.

Pastor Jeff Warner of MCF church said, “It is our honor and privilege to serve our community, especially during the pandemic. Our free giveaways are a living object lesson of God’s love for us.” Warner described the people receiving the meals as jubilant, grateful, with some even in tears. He said that many received a meal who would not otherwise have had any Thanksgiving dinner.

Warner emphasized that the group could not have done it without the support and help of many individuals. He especially

thanked ERHS Principal Reginal McNeill and ERHS Facility Supervisor Eric Dent. He expressed his gratitude for Lieutenant Jermaine Gullledge and other officers of the Greenbelt Police department who helped manage traffic logistics. He also gave a big thank-you to TLC President Samantha Lynch and all the volunteers from TLC, MCF students, MCF Community Church and the Greenbelt Community. Warner also thanked Jane Njihia and Kevin Hayman who worked with Warner on logistics and food purchasing.



PHOTO BY JEFF WARNER

Non-perishable goods are stacked and lined up, ready to be put into bags.



PHOTO BY JUSTIN AYRES

Cars line up as passengers wait for food distribution.



PHOTO BY JUSTIN AYRES

Many hands make light work.



PHOTO BY JEFF WARNER

The food that each family received

## Obituaries continued

years. Both Len and Ann were active parishioners at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church.

After retiring, Len spent much of his time on the golf course, traveling with Ann and enjoying his seven grandsons: John Wagner; Danny and Mitchell Moriarty; and Aidan, Liam, Collin and Roan Toole. After Ann died in 2015, Len moved to Northern Virginia. He lived with his daughter Kerry and son-in-law Steven Toole for several years before he moved to The Crossings and recently Larmax Homes. Len was known for his spunk and character. He was a helpful caregiver to his fellow residents. He survived Covid-19 in June.

Len was predeceased by his wife, Ann, and daughter, Colleen Wagner, and by his parents as well as three of his siblings and their spouses: Joan and Jerry O’Neill, Jimmy and Rosa Moriarty, Pat and Frank Adamcik and John Wagnes. He is survived by his children Michael and Julie Moriarty of California, Kerry and Steven Toole of Virginia, Brendan Moriarty of California and Noreen and Scott Crawford of Maryland. He will be greatly missed by his sister Mary Wagnes of Bradley Beach, N.J., and 23 nieces and nephews in the New York and New Jersey area, in addition to Ann’s sisters Sheila Hughes and Margaret Carberry and sisters-in-law Jean and Mary Kerfoot of Dublin, Ireland and more than 20 Irish nieces and nephews.

Family and close friends are invited to a Catholic funeral mass at St. Hugh’s Church in Greenbelt on Wednesday, November 25. Burial will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Wheaton. There will be no wake or repast due to Covid-19 restrictions. A maximum of 100 people will be permitted in the church with a mask and must adhere to six feet of social distance. A maximum of 25 people will be permitted at the gravesite. A Zoom or other link will be posted for those who wish to watch remotely. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Len’s name.

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## Give Thanks.

This holiday season, I am thankful for the support of my clients, family, and friends who make our Greenbelt community such a special place to live and work. I hope that you are able to enjoy the holidays safely with your loved ones, and as always if you are ever in need of guidance surrounding your real estate investments, don’t hesitate to reach out.



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# Neighbors Build and Share Toolkit for Mental Health

by Susan Taylor

On Tuesday, November 17, close to 30 people from all corners of Greenbelt met online to participate in a mental health conversation. Convened by Connecting Across Greenbelt-Community Conversations, neighbors shared with each other the tools they use to get through the next moment, hour, day or season in these difficult times. The Caring and Connecting Toolkit includes a wide range of simple, practical ways to deal with stress, in body, mind, spirit, heart and community.

Folks from Greenbelt West, Greenbelt East and Central Greenbelt exchanged plans to build their inner resources and their networks of support and connection. Greenbelt fitness instructor Derrick Faison and Greenbelt CARES staff member Darren Stephenson joined local therapist Susan Taylor in highlighting many clinically proven coping strategies and local resources.

Suggestions to “dance or exercise as much as possible,” “ab-

stain from those things (like the news) that cause stress,” “take a free online course,” joined networking suggestions to “call friends, family members, or converse by text” and “join friends in a virtual happy hour.”

Participants stated: “I particularly enjoyed meeting people from different areas of Greenbelt.” “It felt good to be connected, even by Zoom, during these crazy times.” “Absolutely a positive event.” “It was fun and enlightening and affirming and amazing.”

Connecting Across Greenbelt members plan monthly grassroots, cross-community, cross-neighborhood, cross-cultural conversations. They invite all members of the community to reach out to be a part of upcoming monthly evenings (usually the third Thursday of the month) at [community-connections@gb.org](mailto:community-connections@gb.org). All are invited to access the Caring and Connecting Toolkit printable online resource here: [bit.ly/CAGtoolkit](https://bit.ly/CAGtoolkit).

# Connecting Across Greenbelt Offers Wellbeing Toolkit

by Susan Taylor

The following is a toolkit of exercises to support wellbeing through caring for and connecting with oneself and others. The toolkit comprises five categories of wellness: body, mind, spirit, heart and community. Within each category are examples of exercises or activities including a description of what the exercise is and how to do it.

**Body:** Grounding - Grounding is a practice of calming one’s thoughts and body, to take notice of the world inside and around oneself to help create distance from distressing emotions. Sometimes this is also called centering. Use grounding exercises found at <https://bit.ly/groundinggb>.

**Breathing:** Notice three breaths. Just inhale and exhale as normal, but notice them.

**Moving:** Put on some favorite music and DANCE! Take a quiet walk (even just around the room).

**Stillness:** Take a stillness moment. Just stop and be. Anywhere. Anytime.

**Mind:** Imagery - Imagine something or someone (2-legged or 4-legged) that feels warm or loving. Self-talk - Bring to mind one’s personal encouraging words.

**Spirit:** Inner stillness - Find a moment of stillness, perhaps in the shower, before falling asleep or while awakening.

**Connection to what is larger:** Stand next to a tree or find a beautiful nature picture online and imagine being there.

**Heart:** Compassion for others - Walk a mile in their shoes. Self-compassion - Think of how to support a friend in this situation or to be a friend to oneself. There are additional prompts at <https://self-compassion.org/category/exercises/#exercises>.

**Community:** Network - Make a phone call or talk to someone every day or perhaps join the monthly Greenbelt Community Conversations on Zoom, third Thursday of the month. Email [communityconnections@gb.org](mailto:communityconnections@gb.org) for more information and to join.

**Personal Wellbeing Plan:** Create a personal plan for wellbeing to include tools beyond those here to maintain inner and intra personal wellbeing. Write it down.

**Building Inner Resources:** Plan for how to cope with the next moment or day.

**Building Your Network:** Devise activities to feel less alone.

## List of GNR Members

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Judy Bell  
Helen Sydavar  
Tom Jones  
Mary Halford  
Anne Gardner  
Peter Curtis  
Jessi Britton  
Dea Zugby  
Kathleen McFarland  
Jon Gardner  
Catherine Meetre

5 through 14 years

Sylvia Lewis  
Deanna Dawson  
Stanley Zirkin  
Marc Manheimer  
JoEllen Sarff  
James Gray  
Elaine Nakash  
Lola Skolnik  
Peter Reppert  
Pat Scully  
Amy Hansen  
Lesley Kash  
Peggy Higgins  
Melinda Brady  
Linda Lucas  
Suzette Joyner  
Patricia Novinski

Up to 5 years and Counting

Marcie Lissauer  
Jennifer Jurling  
Jeff Jones  
Mary Ann Baker  
Matthew Arbach  
Janice Wolf  
Kyla Hanington  
Carl Seely  
Gary Childs  
Melissa Sites  
Richard Coleman  
Donna Hoffmeister  
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Sandy Rodgers  
Butch Hicks  
René Sewell-Rayson  
Letty Bonnell  
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Jeannette Connors  
Patrick Gleason  
Michael Kusie  
Amanda Larsen  
Neil McFarb  
Rahul Mehta  
Beth Terry  
Jeff Travis  
Asha Brown  
Elizabeth Gardner  
Melanie Gaschick  
Jill Connor

# GNR Published for 83 Years Through War and Pandemic

by Cathie Meetre

This week, the News Review celebrates its 83rd anniversary. The first Cooperator (the News Review’s original name) came out as a mimeographed sheet on that first Greenbelt Thanksgiving in 1937 when only a handful of families had taken up residence. Since then, it has appeared every single week without fail (4,317 issues, counting this one), narrowly avoiding extinction at various times and adapting to the demands of the day while remaining a constant within the city.

This year isn’t the first when the newspaper was published during dark hours. World War II brought its griefs and privations. But, just like this year, the staff of the newspaper figured out how to work with what they had and produced a newspaper, thin or thick, through thick and thin.

## Membership

The News Review currently has around 80 individuals who contribute to the newspaper in a variety of roles. Many are

members – engaged in the editorial process, the business office, story writing, advertising, copy-editing, proofing, photo editing and cartoons. There also are skilled part-time staff who do the layout work with InDesign, two distributors who fan out the bulk delivery from the printer and a troop of mostly youthful carriers who distribute the newspaper door-to-door. New members are always welcome. Interested individuals can inquire about joining the team by emailing [memberservices@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:memberservices@greenbeltnewsreview.com).

Many have given decades to the newspaper. Listed at left, with grateful thanks, are our current members. The Greenbelt News Review also remembers, fondly and with honor, all those who have served this paper over time. Durations are dated from the time names first appeared on the masthead and thus some served longer than is recorded here.

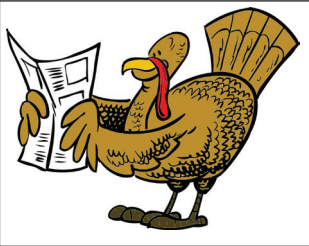


A heron ousts a cormorant off a branch at the Lake.

PHOTO BY KATHRYN BEARD

# Happy Thanksgiving to all our Advertisers!

The staff members at the Greenbelt News Review would like to extend heartfelt warm Thanksgiving wishes to all our advertisers.



Thank you for your tremendous support with all your ads during these difficult months. It has been a challenge to all of us – and you pulled through with courage in the face of difficulty.

We want you to know how much you are appreciated. May you grow and flourish. Thanks for your hard work and your continued trust in the Greenbelt News Review.

With all the best to you and your family. Have a happy, healthy, peaceful, safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

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Holiday Market,  
Sunday, December 6  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m

No Market Sunday,  
November 29



Parking Lot at Southway and  
Centerway





Raindrop holder

PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN MENENDEZ

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reduction of income due to the pandemic, the Moons collaborated with Pastor Jeff Warner of MCF Fellowship, a Greenbelt church, to provide meals for those who needed them. The program, Feed Greenbelt, fed hundreds of families over the course of 20 weeks this summer. According to Warner, “nearly 100 local residents donated nearly \$10,000 which provided nearly 1,000 meals to almost 30 families during the 36 distributions.” In total, during this past summer, DC Vegan distributed 3,800 meals not only to the Feed Greenbelt program but also to front-line health care workers and demonstrators. The Café board expressed its excitement in launching a search for a new food contractor to operate the restaurant and food operations. The board said that it “welcomes inquiries from poten-

tial vendors and suggestions from the community.” The board also assures its members, volunteers, guests and the community that they “are committed to keeping the New Deal Café in business and continuing to serve the community. We’ve survived and thrived through several changes in food contractors in our 25-year history.” Acknowledging the additional challenges presented by the coronavirus pandemic, the board expressed its confidence that it will navigate this transition and emerge stronger and better.

Both Leah and Michael Moon said that their time in Greenbelt was positive. They said that it had been a pleasure to serve the community and that they are thankful for their time in Greenbelt. They added that over the course of their nearly two and a half years at the New Deal, they had met many great people, “the kindest people.”

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improvements along Breezewood Drive and a contiguous sidewalk along Greenbelt Road; three separate parking garages serving the residential buildings, hotel, mall and recreation center; and off-site bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Three new access points off Breezewood Drive are proposed, with two connecting to parking areas at 1A, 1C, the hotel and existing retail. The third would act as the mall’s main northern entrance. An 8-foot-wide trail from Breezewood to Target is also planned.

The staff report brought out a number of concerns, including a lack of detail on the residential buildings around recreational amenities, loading areas and masking of parking garages; no identification of unit types for 1B and 1C (which had been earlier earmarked as condos); how Franklin Park residents will have access to the site; issues around the hotel, such as amenities, parking availability and signage (no tenant has been determined); safe internal circulation for pedestrians, bicycles and cars; and a lack of variation in the architectural designs that would create interest from the direction of Breezewood Drive.

Sheryl Fishel, architect from Rodgers Consulting, laid out the landscaping vision for the redevelopment. The concept is to mix function with aesthetics, to create a sense of community and sustainability. Green spaces are planned to encourage gathering. Bioretention boxes and rain gardens for stormwater management are proposed, a blend of usage and beauty. A community garden is planned, as well as an edible orchard.

Councilmember Judith Davis expressed concern that such an approach would require daily maintenance, citing issues with the city’s existing rain gardens and their propensity to attract litter. David Polonsky, from Atapco Properties, agreed, saying that the most efficient maintenance

would involve a single company.

The proposed recreation center would have four indoor playing fields for sports such as volleyball and basketball, as well as two instruction rooms. Councilmember Rodney Roberts felt that the size was “totally inadequate,” as it would service potentially over 5,000 people. He stressed that the still-active pandemic would discourage indoor usage.

The three residential buildings would have five stories. An art deco approach using simple geometric shapes is proposed, with the exterior utilizing things like paneling, balconies and parapets to break up the facade. The adjacent parking structures would be secure and service each building, with access to each resident’s unit level.

Davis, in agreement with the Advisory Planning Board, felt the buildings need more differentiation, in order to not “look the same.”

Polonsky responded to questions about the lack of three-bedroom apartments by saying that there was a low market demand, adding that they are also more expensive and stay vacant longer. He said that the project is not focused on school age families.

Davis and Roberts advised that families could realistically make use of one- and two-bedroom apartments. Roberts felt this was “a major flaw” in their plan, expressing that it could lead to the need to build a new school.

Davis worried about the lack of senior living units in the DSP, something “desperately needed” in Greenbelt. Attorney Matthew Tedesco, from McNamee Hosea, reiterated his team’s commitment to a future market study further along in the development, with Davis saying that she hoped it wouldn’t be neglected.

Both Davis and Councilmember Emmett Jordan emphasized the need to make use of the development’s roofs, with additions like solar panels or even amenities, suggested Jordan. Polonsky

said that solar arrays are being considered, along with electric car charging stations.

Davis questioned the need for another hotel, as already two of Greenbelt’s hotels are closed temporarily and one permanently. Tedesco responded that the pre-Covid market study indicated the need for such an addition.

The planned internal circulation road would be two-lane, with one traffic circle and intermittent parallel parking, allowing access for delivery and emergency vehicles.

Polonsky stated that his team is adherent to ADA guidelines and utilizes a consultant at each phase of development to assess the needs of those with disabilities, especially concerning issues such as available parking for disabled residents and visitors.

Assistant Director of Facilities Joe McNeal said that while he “was a little excited by the indoor space,” offering a “different type of facility” to the city, he felt that there was “always a need for outdoor space,” of which “there was not as much as I would like to see there,” in terms of spaces, trails and playgrounds. He hoped that “balances are struck.”

The city’s Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) reviewed the DSP as well, stating that the community garden should be moved to secure better sunlight, and that geothermal energy be considered as an option, advising working with Pepco.

Davis stated that “we all have serious concerns” about the DSP, while acknowledging that these plans are preliminary and “very incomplete,” awaiting further discussion in the near future and review from the Park and Planning Advisory Board and planning staff.

Tedesco expressed his team’s commitment to transparency and collaboration as this project moves forward.



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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

**Shooting**  
November 15, 9:35 a.m., 7480 Greenway Center Drive. Officers responded to a report of several shots being fired in a parking lot. They discovered an adult male suffering from an apparent gunshot wound to his forearm. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

**Robbery**  
November 15, 10:42 p.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. Two men approached another man who was leaving Beltway Plaza when one of them demanded money and then punched and kicked him. They took the money and fled on foot.

**Assault**  
November 14, 4:02 p.m., 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive. A man walking to the Metro Station saw another man walking a pit bull, so he attempted to walk around him and the dog. The dog walker then began to try to coax the dog to attack him but the dog refused to cross the street.

**Theft**  
November 12, 5:47 p.m., 5700 Springhill Drive. A wristwatch was taken from a residence.

November 17, 4:06 p.m., 7501 Greenway Center Drive. An unattended wallet was taken from a suite.

**Fraud**  
November 12, 2:29 p.m., 7822 Hanover Parkway. A woman with a cell phone issue called a phone number she believed was for Apple customer service. The person who answered the phone call convinced the woman to purchase gift cards and give the card information to him. The woman who had placed the call found out later she had been defrauded.

**Burglary**  
November 13, 2 p.m., 14 Court Crescent Road. The door to a storage unit was forced open. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

**Vandalism**  
November 16, 3:11 p.m., 7701 Greenbelt Road. The ATM lobby area of SunTrust Bank was vandalized.

**Automotive Crime**  
Three stolen vehicles were recovered. A 2000 Jeep Cherokee reported stolen October 27 from 44 Court Ridge Road was recovered on November 12 by D.C. Metropolitan police in the 4400 block Polk Street N.E., Washington, D.C.  
A 2020 Chevrolet Equinox SUV reported stolen to the Metropolitan Washington Airports

Authority Police Department was recovered in the 7800 block Mandan Road.

A 2020 Nissan Rogue SUV was recovered on Ivy Lane near Cherrywood Lane prior to it having been reported stolen from the 7800 block Mandan Road earlier in the evening. It had been damaged by fire.

Rear tag Maryland 1CE2335 was taken from the 9100 block Edmonston Road and replaced with another tag. Two tags, Maryland 3237XD, were taken from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway.

Four tires and rims were taken from the 8000 block Lakecrest Drive.

The following items were taken after windows had been broken to gain access. Sneakers and a bed comforter were taken from the 7600 block Mandan Road and a book bag, sneakers and other items were taken from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace.

The following acts of vandalism were reported. Tires were flattened and both side mirrors broken in the 8000 block Mandan Road. A side mirror was also broken in the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A driver's side window was cracked and paint was scratched in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. A rock was thrown through the rear window in the 6100 block Greenbelt Road.

**Fatal Shooting**  
Officers responding to a report of gunshots near 5821 Cherrywood Lane at 2 p.m. on November 18 located a 30-year-old man, Yordano Fabian Vargus, resident of Greenbelt, suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment and was later pronounced dead.

**Fire on Westway**  
According to Prince George's County Fire Department Director of Public Information and Office of Community Relations Jennifer Donelan, at approximately 8:27 p.m. on November 18, Prince George's Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services units were dispatched to the 100 block of Westway. Someone had reported seeing a fire inside an apartment. Upon arrival, crews located a three-story garden-style apartment building with a fire on the stove in the kitchen of one of the units. PGCFD officials were able to quickly extinguish the fire. Donelan said that there were no injuries connected with this incident.



The Greenbelt Police Department partners with the Platinum Rollers motorcycle club to provide Thanksgiving meals for local families. Over 200 turkeys were distributed by the Greenbelt Police Department to help make Thanksgiving possible during these tough times.

- Photos courtesy Greenbelt Police

## City Notes

Animal Control Supervisor Nelly Ortiz is Greenbelt Police Department's Civilian of the Year. Three dogs, impounded during a cruelty investigation, joined one kitten and five cats in the Shelter. Park Rangers assisted cyclists in the 2020 Washington Area Bicyclist Association's Cider Ride.

Planning staff reviewed documents about the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's proposed relocation to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

Horticulture/Parks caged trees against beavers. Refuse/Recycling collected 25.35 tons of refuse and 11.53 tons of recyclables. Building Maintenance continued the Police Station renovation.

The Youth Center hosted Dance classes after a possible Covid-19 incident at the Community Center necessitated a four-day precautionary closure. Recreation programs are online for the winter, and Springhill Lake Recreation Center's free outdoor youth programs moved indoors.

Arts staff hosted an online Art Share. Museum researchers are seeking photos illustrating Greenbelt's winter holiday celebrations.

Therapeutic Recreation's Zoom birthday luncheon entertained 18 Golden Agers. Meals were delivered to 38 seniors. The Greenbelt Assistance in Living program conducted a monthly produce and diaper distribution.

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# Deco the Halls Cancelled, Art, Craft Fair to be Virtual

by Eva Sanchez

The holiday season fast approaches, meaning that Greenbelt’s annual Festival of Lights is just around the corner. This year the cherished holiday festival is looking much different. Greenbelt Recreation has been adapting the festival by offering online alternatives to some of the traditions.

### Deco the Halls

In the past, the Greenbelt Museum has been decorated with an assortment of vintage holiday decorations and held an open house, Deco the Halls, the night of the tree lighting. “Sadly, we won’t be decorating this year as we usually do,” said Museum Director Megan Searing Young.

Young continued, “We’ve had as many as 100 people come through the Museum House in the two hours that it’s open. It’s an event we will all miss this year. We talked about ways we could try to do it, but the Museum House is only 836 square feet, so there’s really no way to adequately social distance inside the space.”

The Museum will be participating in this year’s online version of the festival. “This year instead of offering an in-person open house, we’re putting together a slideshow of how the house has been decorated for the holidays over the years along with vintage photos from the Museum’s archives of winter holidays in Greenbelt,” said Young. Find the Museum slideshow on their website (greenbeltmuseum.org) and various social media accounts.

### Art and Craft Fair

Another treasured festival tradition that has been revamped this year is the Juried Art and Craft Fair, usually a two-day event where vendors and some of Greenbelt’s nonprofits showcase their art and merchandise. This

year’s fair will take place online between November 27 and December 20. There are 54 online shops that feature artists, artisans and authors from the region.

“While we will miss seeing everyone in person, we are delighted that the transition to an online platform has expanded the community’s access to the participating artists so significantly,” said Nicole DeWald, Greenbelt’s art supervisor. “About half of the exhibitors did not have online sales platforms prior to the coronavirus; we applaud their adaptability and are very glad that they can participate with us this year.”

“I am looking forward to the show. I’ve worked hard to get my Etsy shop set up. This show was an impetus to actually get that going. Hopefully, people will like what they see,” said Lorraine Aldridge-Ey, one of the participating artists. She is part of the Greenbelt Pottery Group that works out of the Community Center. For artists, the experience of participating in the fair and producing art has changed drastically.

“Part of the experience for both artists and customers is the interaction that happens at the show. I will miss talking to people about my work and hearing about what interests them,” Aldridge-Ey continued. “The online show does have the potential of reaching more people. The big question will be if craft lovers will find the show and participate.”



PHOTO BY AMANDA LARSEN

The shopping picks up at the Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair on December 7, 2019.

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became more involved because the glazing compound contained asbestos,” said Brian Kim, assistant director of Public Works.

What began as a simple plan to clean the sculptures became a long project to fix problems that the city did not previously know existed. The window renovation began on July 13 and was just recently completed. When the window project started, the bas-relief sculptures were covered with specially made plywood boxes to protect them, and now that the project has



PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

A newly renovated window at the Community Center

been completed, they have been uncovered. According to Community Planner Molly Porter, the next step is to revitalize the bas-relief sculptures, but she said they currently do not know when that project will begin.

MHAA grants are periodically given to nonprofit organizations and government entities for projects within a Certified Heritage Area. These grants are specifically for projects involving historical, cultural or natural resources, sites or events. In the case of Greenbelt, the grant was allocated to restore the bas-relief sculptures that have been a part of Greenbelt since its founding.

The revitalization of the sculptures, despite being postponed until a later time, is a very important project for Greenbelt residents. “They give us sort of visual symbolism for many of the ideals under which Greenbelt was founded and which are still held dear today,” said Megan Searing Young, director of the Greenbelt Museum.

When Greenbelt was being

founded, Lenore Thomas Straus applied and was chosen to do several sculptures here. Straus constructed six sculptures embodying the ideals of the preamble, though she proposed a seventh, a lynching scene with a judge and jury looking in the opposite direction. Those in charge of the project rejected this piece. “I think it’s one of the most important aspects of her story ... that she was so involved with social justice,” Young said. The bas-relief sculptures ornament what was then Center School, Greenbelt’s elementary school; when a new elementary school was built in 1991, the building became the Community Center.

Though it may take some time for the bas-relief sculptures to finally get cleaned as the grant initially intended, it is certainly upcoming and something that Greenbelt residents will notice. “If we didn’t address what was making the reliefs dirty, then they would just have to be cleaned again in a year,” said Kim.



Wooden spoons by Damien Ossi



Knitwear by Tameika Reynaud

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Mugs by Lorraine Aldridge-Ey

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